

ITALIAN SOLDIERS MUTINY IN MILAN; NEUTRALS WARNED TO BAR MUSSOLINI

Italy Shows We Can Defeat Hitler Now

An Editorial

A GOOD rule worth repeating is: keep your eye on the ball.

Remember the goal: to crush Hitler Germany, our most powerful enemy and the mainstay of the whole Axis.

We are nearer that goal. We now have the best opportunity in the world to make a bee-line for it.

The great and spectacular events in Italy teach us that we can speed up our victory over the whole Axis, that we can bring Hitler Germany to its knees before the year is out.

Italy teaches us that we are strong and the Axis is weak, much weaker than many supposed.

Can any one doubt that if he only could Hitler would rush troops into Italy and turn it into a battle field with the object of delaying the major Allied blow in the West?

But he must depend upon a few German divisions in Sicily and north Italy and upon the remaining fascist hierarchy in Italy to fight a delaying military and political action.

He has no other choice because he is threatened with disaster on the Eastern Front, where the Red Army is driving to encircle and annihilate 200,000 German troops at Orel.

He has no other choice because all Europe seethes, because his satellites threaten to pull out, because the Nazi "New Order" is threatened by the people's liberation struggle throughout Europe.

YES, he does transfer more divisions from France and even Germany. But he shifts them to Orel in a desperate effort to prevent another Stalingrad catastrophe for his army.

Thus, the Red Army pushing its offensive on the Orel front prevents Hitler from rushing to the aid of collapsing fascism in Italy. While General Eisenhower's armies are knocking at the doors of Italy and the Italian people struggle to remove the locks from the inside, the Red Army, too, fights for a free Italy as it hammers away at the main and most powerful enemy.

It was the cumulative effect of the heavy blows of the whole anti-Hitler Coalition—at Stalingrad, on the Don, in Tunisia and Sicily—which caused Italian fascism to collapse.

Now, the coordinated blows of the whole anti-Hitler Coalition, with the powerful support of the Italian people and the subjugated peoples of Europe, can bring about the final collapse not only of fascist Italy but also of Nazi Germany.

The immediate end for which we must act now is nothing less than the defeat of the whole Axis in Europe.

We hold in our hands at this moment the key which will open not only the doors of Italy but also the gates of Germany.

Together with the resurgent Italian people we can rapidly rescue Italy from the Hitler thrall, and extend the liberation beyond Italy into the Balkans and central Europe.

This requires that we obtain as quickly as possible the surrender of Italy, from Badoglio or any other head of government who may succeed him, so that we can proceed to expel the Germans beyond the Brenner Pass and threaten Hitler Europe from our new positions.

That is the core of the Italian situation. On that point there is complete unanimity between the Allied governments and the anti-fascist front of the Italian people. That road offers us the opportunity to speed up our attacks upon Hitler's position in Europe, and offers the Italian people the opportunity to get rid completely of the Hitler overlordship and the fascist hierarchy, and to assure the liberation of their country.

WE CAN also strike simultaneously in such a way as to speed up this development while getting directly at the core of the Axis.

That means to strike now in Western Europe. To do that would mean to deprive Hitler of any opportunity for even temporary delaying actions in Italy, the Balkans or elsewhere.

It would mean to strike where Hitler is most vulnerable, at the moment when the whole structure of the "New Order" threatens to topple down upon him.

It would mean that the simultaneous blows of the Red Army in the East and of the Allies in the Mediterranean—which have already produced such signal victories—will merge into the higher strategy of the two-front coalition war.

It would mean the end of Hitler Germany this year.

No Haven for Axis Leaders, President Says

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Dewey's Stall on Rent Control Aids Landlords—Mayor

Failure of the OPA and Governor Dewey to act to freeze rents in New York City gave the green light to landlords to raise rents, Mayor LaGuardia declared yesterday.

SETS FORTH POLICY

This government's attitude on war criminals was set forth in a formal news conference statement by Mr. Roosevelt who also made plain that the Allies will not discuss Italian surrender with any persons definitely known to be fascists, but that we will be willing to accept capitulation from any other Italian authority capable of preventing anarchy, whether it be a king, a Prime Minister or the Mayor of a town.

He also set forth the two prime Allied military aims with regard to Italy—(1) to knock Italy out of the war; (2) to prevent anarchy because a country in the throes of anarchy is difficult to deal with and requires the use of a large number of troops who otherwise might be used to hasten Germany's defeat.

Peace dealings with any one in Italy except definite fascists would be the very first step, while self-determination of the Italian people in conformance with the Atlantic Charter still is the long-range objective and no controversy on this point is called for now, he said.

Thus, without saying whether or not he believed Italian King Victor Emmanuel or Marshall Pietro Badoglio to be definite fascists, Mr. Roosevelt appeared to make plain the procedure the Allies would follow—dealing with any non-fascist leader capable of averting anarchy and then, in the reconstruction of Italy, allowing the people themselves to rule.

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Catalanotti Again Raps Antonini

Expressing grief that Luigi Antonini, chairman of the Italian-American Labor Council, saw fit to align himself with "elements that propagated and represented fascism," Joseph Catalanotti, manager of the New York Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, yesterday renewed his attack on the new alliance between Mr. Antonini and Generoso Pope, Italian newspaper publisher.

"During the last six months," Mr. Catalanotti said, "many attempts were made to organize a movement to unite all Italo-American elements that had not propagated and represented fascism as Generoso Pope has done among the disloyal Italian-American communists.

Through the Italian-American Labor Council we thought we could succeed in organizing all democratic and liberal forces and give a powerful contribution to the solution of the Italian people's struggle for democratic liberties.

"But Luigi Antonini insisted on wanting to include Generoso Pope in our movement, and when he found himself thwarted by our clear-cut opposition, he smashed our movement.

Three weeks ago Mr. Antonini spoke to me and August Bellanca on the necessity of organizing a national convention of all Italo-American liberal groups," Mr. Catalanotti's statement continues.

During our conversation nothing more was said about either Mr. Pope or his anti-labor combination.

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Deserter Bares Nazi Army Crisis

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

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"Referring to the recent reverses of German troops on the eastern front, Goering admitted that Germany was experiencing a crisis, and that one must be prepared for all kinds of unpleasant surprises," the officer declared.

"In the Ober-lieutenant's words, 'Goering' drew a gloomy picture, saying that many old generals had proved their bankruptcy and inability to direct military operations in the present situation. He hinted that there would be a thorough purging of the high officers' corps, as a result of which certain generals will be discarded."

Refuse to Fire On 'End War' Mass Rallies

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Indications that the demand for peace is embracing ever wider sections of the Italian people came last night as dispatches from Rome said Italian soldiers had refused to fire on mass demonstrations in the city of Milan.

The demonstrations appeared to have continued from the day before yesterday when vast crowds marched through the city streets shouting:

"Mussolini is liquidated; why not the war?"

Various correspondents have said the marchers were led by Communists in an ugly mood, and referred to the meetings as "disorders," but conceal the fact that the movement for peace is an orderly, organized affair, evidently under the leadership of the five democratic parties adhering to the Milan conference of last fall.

SOLDIERS REFUSE TO FIRE

Not only did the soldiers refuse to fire against the marchers but the Badoglio government was forced to remove Gen. Antero Canale, military governor of the Milan zone, apparently because of his leniency in enforcing the martial law curfew.

Gen. Vittorio Ruggi, commander of an Alpine regiment, was appointed in his place and United Press dispatches said the Rome government was rushing military police armed with carbines to handle the new situation in Milan.

The Swiss radio declared that the demonstrations in northern Italy were assuming an increasingly anti-Badoglio character, and reported that Badoglio had not only dissolved the fascist party, but had also decreed the dissolution of the five-party anti-fascist front which had emerged to lead the masses last Monday.

ALLIES DROP LEAFLETS

Allied planes dropped leaflets with Eisenhower's peace terms over northern industrial cities on Thursday night.

One report, quoting a secret radio station "Atlantic," said that the anti-fascist parties had reprinted the leaflets in thousands of copies which were being enthusiastically discussed everywhere by the populace.

The anti-fascist parties headed the Eisenhower leaflets with the peace terms.

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Nazi Tanks Fail to Halt Red Army Drive on Orel

LONDON, July 30 (UP).—Red Army troops made advances of from 2 1/2 to five miles on the Orel front today and captured more than 20 fortified villages despite resistance by massed tanks which the German command threw into action north and south of the city.

A special Soviet communiqué, reporting the new gains, said also that the Red Army had repelled big German tanks and infantry attacks along the Donets River and the Mius River southwest of Voroshilovgrad. It was indicated that the Germans were trying to reduce the big bridgeheads which the Red Army had established on their side of the river.

Twenty-one German tanks were knocked out and 31 enemy planes destroyed in Thursday's fighting, the special communiqué said.

Moscow dispatches described a heavy tank-against-tank battle the Germans started in a vain attempt to stop the Red Army in its drive which brought it daily nearer one of its biggest victories of the war.

The German second tank army was fighting desperately south of Orel, the dispatches said, trying to destroy a wedge which the Red Army had driven to the approaches to the city.

The Red Army in turn threw in big reserves and the drive continued, with cavalry and infantry cooperating closely with the armored units.

Tanks lumbered out from the Soviet lines to frustrate attempts by the Germans to stabilize their flanks against which cavalry had been thrusting.

Two heavy battles were in progress, dispatches said. In one sector the Red Army was attacking a village which was considered a principal anchor point of the German defense line.

German prisoners were quoted as saying that the German garrison had been ordered to hold positions at all costs.

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2. Beyond that time, if necessary, unemployment insurance for 26 weeks for those registered with the United States Employment Service.

3. Special aid and counsel regarding readjustment and rehabilitation.

4. Special provision, including tuition and allowances, for those who wish to resume education or follow some special training course.

5. Veterans' credit for old-age and survivors' insurance on the basis of service in the armed forces.

6. Opportunities for agricultural employment and settlement for a limited number of qualified service men. But in general, agriculture should not be looked upon as a dumping ground for the industrial unemployed, since he added, must be determined by Congress.

He declined to take seriously Rep. Rutherford's charge that he was making an attempt to attract the new soldier-sailor for a fourth term by presenting the program now.

MAIN POINTS

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The report said the planning board strongly approves the program and holds that the time for action is now.

Post, PM Miss Boat to Italy

By James S. Allen

A number of well-meaning liberals have missed the boat to Italy.

I have in mind particularly Sam Grafton and the Post, and Max Lerner and PM.

Allies Move Ahead in Sicily

By a Veteran Commander

THE maneuver we forecast more than a week ago (and illustrated with a map) seems in the process of execution right now. The Canadian troops have captured Agira and are moving forward in the general direction of Bronte and Randazzo. Meanwhile, General Patton's right flank has taken possession of Nicotra and will now be pushing also in the direction of Randazzo, only by way of Troina and Cesarea.

Thus a turning maneuver is being effected around the Mt. Etna massif. Patton will attack with his left flank and center in the direction of Messina while the Canadians strike toward Catania. Such a movement, if successful and fast would encircle the Axis group defending Catania and make a frontal (and costly) push by Montgomery against Catania superfluous.

The moment for a bold stroke seems propitious because there is no doubt that the German troops in Catania feel pretty worried about the ebullient Italian situation in their rear. It is doubtful that their officers have been able to keep the news from the men, especially with so many Italians around them.

As to that situation, the latest news of the army revolt in Milan confirms us still more in the opinion that our yesterday's recipe for handling that situation might not be such a bad one after all.

Revolutionary situations call for revolutionary methods in handling them.

The appearance of an American *deus ex machina* in Milan or Turin now would provide a unifying leadership for the revolutionary movement. We feel sure that Italians remember the Boston Tea Party much better than the DAR do, and, remembering it, would trust us to do the right thing in a revolutionary situation.

SOVIET troops have crossed a river south of Orel. It looks like the Oka which girdles the city in the southeast. If this is so the Red Army must have reached the highway Orel-Kromy which runs almost on the bank of the Oka at that spot. However, the river barrier mentioned might also be the tributary of the Oka which flows southeast from the suburbs of Orel (the Rybnitsa). In the latter case the forcing of the crossing would have less important strategic implications. The next one or two communiques will show.

To anybody who feels impatient at the apparent slowness of the Red Army advance around Orel we would like to say: remember that this is the most powerfully fortified area in the world, and in all times; furthermore, the tables having been turned on the Germans, the meteorological tables have been turned, too, and it is the Red Army now which is hampered by rainy weather, because mud favors the defense, generally speaking.

The concentrated saturation blows against German ports continue with growing might, but all this does not yet provide the necessary "anvil" for the "hammer" striking at Orel.

Allies Bomb Hamburg For Seventh Time

LONDON, July 30 (UP).—Allied air forces pounded Germany unceasingly today, with American Flying Fortresses smashing at the Fiesler aircraft factory at Kassel by daylight after British night raiders made their third 2,300-ton assault in five nights on the bomb-torn, fire-ravaged port of Hamburg.

Flying nearly 300 miles across the heart of Germany in their sixth major operation in seven days of the unprecedented Allied aerial assaults, the B-17s, fought their way through stiff fighter opposition. With the help of American (P-47) Thunderbolts, which met them on the return trip, they shot down at least 52 Axis aircraft, according to preliminary reports.

The success of the crushing Allied blows on Germany caused American air sources to assert:

"We have defeated the German air force. The back of the German air force definitely is broken. Today marked the culmination of an epic, week-long air battle. We have won that battle."

BLAST KASSEL

While the Fortresses blasted Kassel in their third attack in as many days, on German aircraft factories, lighter bombers and fighter bombers continued the intensified Allied assault against the Axis' coastal air fields.

Medium bombers of the USAF, escorted by British and Canadian Spitfires, struck at the Woensdrecht air base, north of Antwerp, Holland, "with good results," destroying six enemy fighters.

American-built "Bostons" of the RAF, escorted and supported by Spitfires and Typhoon fighters, attacked the Schiphol airbase near Antwerp, knocking out three more enemy aircraft, while RAF Typhoon bombers, escorted by Typhoon fighters, attacked the airfields at Courtrai and Coxyde, Belgium.

The heavy daylight operations cost the Allies 11 Fortresses and one medium bomber, three light bombers and seven fighters against the toll of at least 61 German planes.

In the night attack on Hamburg—the seventh since British and Canadian night bombers inaugurated the pulverizing offensive last Saturday to crush Germany's second largest city—28 bombers, two of them Canadian, were lost.

The night raiders dropped more than 50 tons of bombs every minute on the flaming port that is the Reich's chief U-boat base in their

On the War Fronts

U. S.-Germans Hail 'Free Germany' Group

British C.P. Urges Wavell to Free India Leaders

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)
The Communist Party of Great Britain has urged Lord Wavell, the new Viceroy of India, to give India a new deal, the *Herald Tribune* reported yesterday in a copyrighted story.

The Communists urged Lord Wavell, in the interests of the United Nations war effort, to free the imprisoned Indian Congress leaders and reopen negotiations for the setting up of a national Indian government, the story said.

The appeal was made in a letter to "Lord Wavell of Cyrenica and Winchester," as the British general's new title reads, sent by Harry Pollitt, Communist general secretary.

The Communist Party, said Mr. Pollitt, "strongly urges that you consider the desirability on the occasion of the inauguration of your viceroyalty, of a new departure in policy," consisting of a settlement of the long-standing Indian problem.

Such a "new departure," Pollitt said, would mobilize the Indian people behind the war against the Axis and would be approved by democratic opinion in Britain. The letter contained the following proposals:

"1—Release the Indian Congress Working Committee and all democratic anti-fascist leaders.

"2—Permission to representatives of all political sections to negotiate among themselves on their immediate demands.

"3—Following these steps, opening of negotiations with Indian leaders.

"4—Energetic measures to meet the food crisis, and co-operation with the mass organizations of the people in the task of food distribution."

French Unity Group Debates Army Setup

ALGIERS, July 30 (UP).—The French Committee for National Liberation debated army unification today at a three-hour session but was unable to reach agreement on any formula acceptable to Gen. Charles De Gaulle and Gen. Henri Honoré Giraud.

Another meeting of the committee was announced for tomorrow—the fifth in as many days—at which a compromise formula of having pro-Vichy sympathies.

It was understood that the training of French troops in the use of American weapons and equipment is continuing, despite the conflict over the eventual composition of the French army.

Auto Leader Hails Duce's Flop

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CICERO, Ill., July 30.—Sam Mariani, president of Amalgamated Local 453, United Auto Workers, CIO, held the chapter of Mussolini as an aid to the freedom-loving people of Italy in their fight to end the fascist rule.

"We workers of Amalgamated Local 453 call upon the people of Italy to cease fighting for their fascist leaders," he said. "Now is the time to elect their own government for the people and of the people of Italy."

The exhibition was also visited by a number of diplomats, airmen and sailors of Great Britain and the United States. New trophies are being added to the exhibition.

For outstanding achievements in the mathematical sciences, in the theory and practice of shipbuilding, for many years of fruitful work in the design and construction of naval craft as well as for the training of specialists for the Navy, the Soviet Government has conferred the title of Hero of Socialist Labor on the veteran shipbuilder, Academician Alexei Krylov—a title conferred on a number of outstanding achievements in the development of Soviet music.

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In one guerrilla detachment a certain engineer, S., using empty food cans, pieces of beechwood, metal scrap and explosives from German shells, produced ten samples of grenades. The guerrillas tested them and selected one fashioned from metal and wood and with strong destructive qualities. The detachment proceeded to manufacture the grenades with their own forces and means, and, nicknamed them "partisan grenades."

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O. P. A. Permits Violators Here to Go Unpunished

Only 2 Profiteers Made to Pay (Lightly) for Crimes During July

By Louise Mitchell

Enforcement of OPA food prices in New York City has completely collapsed. Dishonest food retailers are getting away with murder. The cost of living is being forced up daily due to rampant, unchecked violations of food prices.

Only TWO violators in the city were brought to task throughout the entire month of July for their crimes against the home-front war. Their punishment did not fit the crime, however.

The cases involved two Long Beach butchers who had repeatedly violated meat ceilings. They were ordered to suspend business for two days by the district OPA this week.

All the other 887 cases referred to the price panels by the OPA Retail Complaint Unit during the month were settled amicably.

To settle complaints amicably means that, either the price panel failed to act on complaints or retailers were called before local price panels and gently reprimanded.

When a case is settled in this fashion, the black marketer is allowed to get off with a warning but all the profits are still in his pocket. Handling of violations in this way only emboldens other violators who have not been complained against. OPA enforcement becomes a laugh to the trade and enforcement-minded consumers are insulted. Honest retailers are victimized by scoundrels.

Throughout the month of July the Retail Complaint Unit, which formerly handled food violations in a limited way, has not tackled a single food case. Since the setting up of price panels late in June, it has become the job of price panels to perform this work.

ONLY 2 ACTED ON

To date, price panels have been sitting on their hands; it seems, judging from the results of their work. Price assistants who were to help price panels have not been used. Bringing two violations to account in one month can hardly be called carrying out the highly important responsibility of price enforcement.

When one considers that hundreds of violations were reported to the price panels directly by consumers and that not a single one was brought to the attention of the District OPA, it becomes apparent that the general laxity of price enforcement is staggering.

Also, thousands of violations occur daily which are never reported at all. Nine stores out of ten do not post price ceilings, which is a violation in itself.

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WARNINGS NOT ENOUGH

But the day of warnings is past. Every retailer should know what he has to do to follow OPA regulations by this time.

In order to relieve the complaint load from the District OPA, the price panels were set up to handle these cases. But too much time has been lost in getting them started. Meanwhile food price violations continue to mount.

The biggest job facing consumers today is to see that price panels start working, that violations are checked, saboteurs punished. Those in charge of OPA and local rationing boards must be made to get on the job.

The entire stabilization program is endangered as long as the cost of living rises as a result of price violations and profiteers get off scot-free.

Support Grows For Big B'klyn Unity Rally

The CIO rejects the issue of

"Liberalism vs. reaction" as the issue in the country today or in the coming elections, and instead accepts as the paramount issue that which is forced upon the whole country by the realities of our present war of survival: The issue of winning the war and defeating the open and covert defeatists, such as represented by J. E. Lewis, Hoover, Taft, Wheeler, etc., whose activities serve to disrupt the home front in America, create divisions to take the people's attention away from the war, set capital and labor, farmers and city people fighting for their special interests against one another, and to destroy the national unity necessary for our victory in the war."

The board set the state CIO convention for Sept. 3 and 4 at the Pfister Hotel here.

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Pointers on Points

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RED STAMP RATIONING—Red coupons U become valid on Aug. 1. V on Aug. 8. W on Aug. 15, all to expire on Aug. 31.

BLUE STAMP RATIONING—N. P. and Q blue stamps in War Ration Book 2, covering processed foods and dried beans, etc., are valid through Aug. 7.

SHOES—No. 18 coupon in War Ration Book 1, good for one pair, 21.

RATION BOOK 1, good for five pounds of sugar through Aug. 15. Five pounds for season's home canning is available at stores on Coupons 15 and 16.

GASOLINE—A coupons are worth three gallons each. B and C coupons are two and one-half gallons. T coupons five gallons. B and C bear own expiration dates. The A coupons numbered 6 are valid through Nov. 21.

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Robeson Visit Spurs Aluminum Production



Paul Robeson, great Negro singer and anti-fascist, shown at a Victory Rally in Chicago sponsored by the United Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, CIO. In top photo, left to right, Ishmael F. Flory, of the union who arranged for Robeson's appearance; Benjamin F. Miller, vice-chairman of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship; Leah Taylor, Abraham Lincoln School Reception Committee for Robeson; Paul Robeson; Dr. William Card, President of College Teachers Union, AFL; Capt. Charles C. Comte; William L. Patterson, ast's director, Abraham Lincoln School; Al Skinner, regional coordinator for the union; Alva Maxey, of the Abraham Lincoln Reception Committee; William Jackson, president, Smelters Local 758, and Louis Lippa, vice-president of the General Manager Apex Smelting Co.

Council Discusses 'Daily' Feature Page

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Schappes Conviction: Relic of a Nightmare

The conviction of Morris U. Schappes, confirmed last week by the Court of Appeals over the dissent of Chief Judge Irving Lehman, is a blot on American democracy.

The Schappes case is a bitter reminder of a dark period in recent American history. It was during this period that our nation was temporarily diverted from its anti-fascist course by adherence to the policies of Chamberlain. The inevitable corollary of all but disastrous foreign policy was a wave of internal reaction marked by persecution, terror and witch-hunts. It was the hey-day of Martin Dies, Hitler's fifth columnist extraordinary.

One of the monstrous products of the period was the Hupp-Coudert Legislative Committee of New York, which sought to purge our schools and colleges of the type of "dangerous thoughts" which Mr. Schappes and his fellow anti-fascist teachers inspired.

SCHOOLS THREATENED

Invoking the star-chamber and countless other forms of inquisitorial terror, the Coudert Committee swooped down on the City Colleges. When the smoke of battle cleared, the victims were found to be not so much the fifty-odd teachers dismissed from their jobs and the one (Mr. Schappes) indicted on a perjury charge, but the schools and colleges themselves. Academic freedom was blocked out. Budget cuts loomed for the whole school system. The ground was prepared for the abolition of one entire educational institution — Townsend Harris.

For a period of almost a year, a little band of teachers held the dikes against the oncoming flood of fascist terror. They had to stand up against not only the Coudert Committee, the District Attorney's office and their own Board of Higher Education; they had to face treacherous persecution and ultimate expulsion from their international union, the American Federation of Teachers, then led by Professor George S. Counts. (As a matter of fact, it was largely on the basis of Counts' brilliant teamwork with the Coudert Committee that he was honored by David Dubinsky with the chairmanship of the State Committee of the ALP.)

HIS REAL CRIME

Today Morris Schappes is about to go to jail. The technical charge is perjury. A reading of the trial record and the reports of the Coudert Committee will show, however, that Mr. Schappes' "crime" was his anti-fascist activity in behalf of collective security and his part in building a teachers' union at City College.



MORRIS SCHAPPE

Proof of the speciousness of the perjury charge against Schappes was given by Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals Lehman, who wrote in his dissenting opinion:

"The evidence . . . is insufficient to sustain a finding of guilt of perjury in the first degree upon the theory on which the case was tried . . ."

Perhaps more significant of the irrelevant, red-baiting basis of the case is Judge Lehman's further comment:

"(The evidence is insufficient) to sustain a finding that the program of the Communist International" was used in making the policy or guiding the action of the Communist unity at CCNY within the meaning of the charge of the trial judge."

In failing to give an opinion, the majority of the judges of the Court of Appeals displayed shocking cynicism. They were dealing with a case of obvious importance. The fact that their Chief Judge dissenting indicates that it was an open-and-shut case. It would appear that simple courtesy to Judge Lehman would call for an opinion justifying their disagreement with him.

The sentence imposed on Mr. Schappes is a relic of America's terrible nightmare of 1940-41. It is an ironic reminder of the days when a man could be sent to jail for being "prematurely anti-fascist."

Schappes must not be allowed to suffer for our nation's short-sightedness.

GOP Defeatists Attack FDR Speech to Nation

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Those patriotic men and women who heard President Roosevelt's report on the progress of the war Wednesday night will be shocked and angered at the statement made yesterday by Harrison Spangler, chairman of the Republican National Committee, against the President's address.

Speaking out for the Hoover-Taff-McCormick defeatist leadership which is now controlling the Republican Party, Spangler attempted to impute to President Roosevelt factional purposes in the counsels he delivered to the nation.

While the patriotic people were taking to heart the declarations of the President that the home and military fronts were one, Spangler attempted new chaos and confusion by addressing a telegram to Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of the Navy Knox and other war officials. In that telegram Spangler demanded that there be sent to the armed forces all over the world the defeatists charge that the President's address was a fourth term bid.

This was, of course, such a charge as Hitler would like to see disseminated among the fighting men and women of our forces, to wear down their morale.

TO PROTECT FUTURE

Spangler was particularly irritated because the President as Commander-in-Chief had assured the men and women in the armed forces that plans were being made to protect their future. It was obvious to all thinking people that such a statement was made necessary by the President's responsibility to maintain morale in the armed forces, a morale which men like Senator Taft and other like defeatists have been striving in effect to break down.

The Chairman of the Republican National Committee tried to assume a show of indignation on this matter, asserting: "Every American is determined to take care of the returning heroes. It will be the nation that does it and not the personal beneficence of the President."

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CIO Unions Support Hillman on ALP Plan

Two powerful CIO unions today added their endorsement to the proposals made by Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, for restoring unity to the American Labor Party by restoring it to bona fide trade union control.

The endorsements came from the National Maritime Union, which has many New Yorkers among its more than 50,000 members, and the United Furniture Workers, CIO,

which also has a large membership in the New York area.

Mr. Hillman suggested that the ALP to be properly representative should include in its leadership CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhood unions not now part of it.

"The main task for American labor," said Joseph Curran, president of the NMU, "is to line up support be-

hind those political aspirants who put forth the winning of the war as the No. 1 job, who call for complete support of our Commander-in-Chief on his domestic and foreign policies.

Mr. Hillman's statement that all forces should close ranks and unite in the interests of the nation has long been the policy of the NMU.

Morris Muster, president of the United Furniture Workers said that his union gave Mr. Hillman's proposal "complete support."

Labor's force in the forthcoming elections must not be diffused by any internal struggles or "isms," Mr. Muster said. "All of labor, whether CIO, AFL or Railroad Brotherhoods, should support President Hillman's CIO Committee, which is seeking to organize a United Labor League and safeguard labor's position in the 1944 campaign."

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Union Lookout

Basil Dominic Izzi, the 20-year-old seaman who spent 83 days on a raft after his ship was torpedoed, has been making a tour of war plants, urging increased production for the Navy. His tour took him to the American Bronze Co. plant at Long Island City. After he finished talking, he learned that workers there, members of Local 455, International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, had something to do with his rescue. They made the rudder that guided the Navy PC boat to his raft.

The State Federation of Labor meets in Buffalo next month. In preparation for the meeting, Local 32B of the Building Service Employees International has prepared a series of resolutions. One calls upon State Fed. to throw its weight behind continuing unity moves joining CIO and AFL. Another hits racial discrimination and segregation and calls upon the Federation to fight it wherever it is found.

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Fifty strike notices have been filed with government agencies since Congress double-crossed the people and pushed the Smith-Congnelly bill through over the President's veto. Who said that was a law that would stop strikes? The 50 notices show it not only legalizes but encourages them.

A dispute between the Screen Office and Professional Employees Guild, Local 109, and Loew's, Inc., United Artists, and 20th Century-Fox has been certified to the War Labor Board. The dispute, covering the firms' New York exchanges, arose over refusal to grant closed shop and other conditions.

Local 109 elected a new vice-president and five executive board members recently to fill vacancies caused for the most part by the induction of leaders into the armed forces. Charlotte Peterson, an organizer, was named vice-president. The board members are Ellen Davidson, Sam Shapiro, Roche Rosen, Betty Gantz and Lillian Miller.

PM has agreed to reinstate on its staff Hannah Baker, Newspaper Guild leader, whom it fired two months ago. Miss Baker gets seven weeks back pay for the time she was out and apologizes for a letter she wrote criticizing the Editor John Lewis, which figured in the firing. The case was settled by arbitration.

Contracts covering approximately 250 film technicians employed by four companies have just been approved by the War Labor Board. The pact brings raises of from five to 1 per cent and other benefits. Film Technicians Local 72, AFL, represents the workers.

The War Labor Board has also put its approval on a contract covering 20 CIO Warehouse Workers Union members at National Urn Bag Co. The agreement establishes nine job classifications with a minimum for each, ranging from 50 cents to \$1.05 per hour. A general wage increase of four cents per hour, retroactive to October was also approved. A maintenance of membership clause and other benefits are also provided.

Seafaring Women Still Kept Ashore

By Miriam Kolkin
(By Federated Press)

"We seafaring women are different," said Harriet Whitener thoughtfully. "Once you get out to sea, you never quite get over it. That's why it was such a shock to us when the War Shipping Administration wouldn't let us ship out any more after Pearl Harbor."

"Yes, they told us it was too dangerous," interrupted Ruth Hertz. "We've been through all kinds of trouble and look at us. We're still alive and kicking. Remember that hurricane off Curacao," she said, turning to Harriet. "Mattresses sliding down the passageways, dishes flying all around. It was terrific. But we got by all right."

I was down at the headquarters of the National Maritime Union (CIO) talking to some of the women members of the union who were banned from working on American ships after Dec. 7, 1941. They were fighting mad—partly because they want their old jobs back, but even more because they're being prevented from helping win the war in the way they best know how.

"Harriet, and I are considered bables because we've had only about three years' experience at sea," Mary Hanisco, who works in the NMU bookshop, told me. "But the average experience of most of us in the American Seafaring Women's Committee is six and seven years. There's a real shortage of cooks and stewards in the merchant marine right now, but just because the government has suddenly gone soft on us, all our training is going to waste and ships are sailing out undermanned."

And Ruth, who used to be known as the "seafared queen" of the Grace Lines and is proud of it, said angrily: "Our men have a right to eat good food, and they're not getting it because there just aren't enough cooks to go around."

Although the girls joke about the dangers at sea, they know quite well that a sea voyage these days isn't the healthiest occupation they could pick. "But when there's a war to win those things just don't count," Harriet said. Both she and Ruth were still on the high seas after

OCD Volunteers To Get Awards

More than 440,000 awards to civilians for unpaid volunteer war work have been authorized by the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense since the civilian service bar was established last May. Director James M. Landis announced yesterday.

A minimum of 500 hours of unpaid service in some type of volunteer war work approved by the local Defense Council and the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense is required for a civilian service bar. Mr. Landis said. Bars are also awarded for 1,000, 2,000, 3,000, 4,000 and 5,000 hours of volunteer service.

More than 100,000 awards for service of 1,000 to 5,000 hours have been authorized, including 2,615 of the highest rank. There are 337,676 of the 500-hour awards.

30,000 Ft. Chute Jump Seen Record

WASHINGTON, July 30 (UP)—A 24-year-old United States army air force fighter pilot established a possible record for combat jumps, when he abandoned his disabled plane and parachuted 30,000 feet to safety recently in North Africa.

The feat, revealed by the War Department today, was accomplished by Lieut. Robert Emilie Armstrong, of Knoxville, Tenn. Although no official records are kept, Armstrong's jump is believed unsurpassed.

Before jumping, Armstrong shot down the German reconnaissance plane which attacked him. The plane, a Junkers 88, was the fourth enemy aircraft Armstrong brought down in aerial combat.

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43 Ship Output to Hit 19 Million Tons

WASHINGTON, July 30 (UP)—The merchant ship building program is up to expectations, and an estimated 19,000,000 deadweight tons will be turned out this year, the War Shipping Administration said today.

In June 168 cargo vessels—1,676,500 deadweight tons—were produced. The 1944 goal of 21,000,000 tons, as announced by President Roosevelt Wednesday night, can be reached without any substantial increase in production.

In the first six months of 1943, the Maritime Commission delivered 879 vessels, or 8,818,622 tons, compared with 746 ships, or 8,069,732 tons in 1942. Of the 879 ships produced this year, 608 were Liberty ships—compared with 542 last year.

The Maritime Commission now is turning to the newer, faster Victory ship, which averages 15 or 16 knots, compared with 10 or 11 knots for the Liberty ship. A Victory ship has about 6,000 horsepower, compared to 2,500 for a Liberty. The changeover is being made without halting production.

Shoe Union Calls Political Action Parley

Following through on national CIO decisions for political action, Joint Council 13, United Shoe Workers, has called a special conference of shop chairmen, legislative representatives in all shops, local executive board members and all officials for Monday at 6 P. M. at Irving Plaza.

The opinion said that it would be "wholly inconsistent with the purpose of the statute to conclude that Congress intended that no AFL member of the board could participate in any decision involving an AFL affiliate or that a CIO member would be similarly disqualified or that an industry member who was an officer, employee or representative of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States Chamber of Commerce could not sit in a case involving an employer who was a member of the association or chamber."

The board interpreted the restriction to mean that labor members cannot sit in cases "where they are officers, employees or members of a local union which is a party to the dispute" or where their national organization, though not a party to the dispute, acts for a local union that is a party.

Industry members were disqualified, it was stated, "when they are officers or employees of a party to the dispute or members of an unincorporated association which is a party" or "where they are officers or employees of a trade association or employers association which is a party to the case or while, not a party, is acting in the case on behalf of the employer who is a party."

Problems of Anglo-American foreign policy in Italy will be the subject of discussion by Professor Ambroglio Donini, and Joseph Starobin, of the foreign department of the Daily Worker, at an open forum to be held Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 8:30, in the auditorium of the Workers School. Admission will be 35 cents.

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Assemblyman John Lamula and Rep. Walter Lynch have been invited to discuss the political scene from a state and national point of view.

At the same session, I. Rosenberg, Council manager, will report on War Labor Board rulings on the union's demand for vacations with pay and on the union elections which will be held Aug. 13.

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Bonham's 6-Hitter Stops Tribe, 5-4

Jeff Heath Hits Two Homers for Indians; Yanks Hammer Bagby

By C. E. Dexter

Ernie Bonham hurled four-hit ball to down the Cleveland Indians 5-4, at Yankee Stadium yesterday, as the Yankees won their sixth successive series...

The Bombers started things off in their half of the 3rd. Stainback singled to left. Bonham sacrificed Tuck to second. Crosetti walked. Metheny slapped a single to right, scoring Stainback. Nick Ettin flied to right field, and Metheny came across with the Yank's second run.

Cleveland tied it up in the 4th, as Boudreau led off with a walk. Hockett doubled to left, carrying Boudreau to third. Cullenbene flied to Stainback, Boudreau scoring with the Indian's first tally, and Hockett going to third. Heath, in pulling his bat away from a pitch, nicked Bonham for a scratch single. Keltner flied to Stainback, and Hockett came in with Cleveland's second run, tying the ball game up at 3-all.

In the fifth inning, Stainback went to first on Boudreau's muffed grounder. Bonham came up and singled to third, putting a man on first and second... Crosetti then sacrificed both runners to second and third... Nick Ettin unloaded a double to right field, scoring both.

Chicago, on the other hand, made every hit count. Next Cub hits, coming in third, were successive homers by Phil Cavaretta and Billy Nicholson. That finished Allen, and Macon took over the hurling chores for the Brooks.

With the score now 4-2, the Cubs were never headed off and picked up four more tallies in the fifth. Stankey, first up, walked and started the rally. Cavaretta doubled, Nicholson walked. Goodman's single brought in Stankey. Lowry's out-field fly enabled Cavaretta to score. McCullough's single scoring Nicholson, pushed Goodman around to third and he also tallied on Murello's out-field fly.

The Cubs picked up another run in the 7th when McCullough's hit brought in Goodman from second base.

But the Cub outfielder who drove in five runs in all, wen ahead in that inning, as his single pushed home Stankey and Hack. The 12th Chicago tally was recorded when Cavaretta came home on Goodman's single.

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Hillman and the ALP

SIDNEY HILLMAN'S plea for restoration of control of the American Labor Party to the trade union movement and for unification of that party has received immediate enthusiastic response from the New York CIO Council, whose affiliates are actually the backbone of the ALP and furnish it with the bulk of its votes.

Hillman's appeal was also welcomed by the Marcantonio-Connolly New York County leadership, which has been advocating such a set-up for the past few years.

Failure of the Dubinsky-controlled state committee of the ALP to act on this plea should make it clear to every enrolled voter that continuation of the disastrous factional strife within that party is a result of the Dubinsky group's desire to entrench itself in power. It explodes once and for all the false charge that the Marcantonio forces seek to gain factional control of the ALP.

The Luigi Antonini interview in the Hearst press reveals once again the fundamental anti-United Nations, anti-Roosevelt program of the Dubinsky group. Our alliance with the Soviet Union is "stupid and sentimental," says Antonini. The President is the "dupe" of the Communists, both here and abroad. No peace is possible unless the Soviet Union is destroyed.

Unquestionably, some of those associated with the state ALP do not share this opposition to the President's war program. There has, however, been no response as yet from them to the Hillman proposal. Doubtless, this is because they are not free agents.

A victory on Primary Day for the Dubinsky group would simply mean the continuation in power of the narrow, partisan leadership whose fundamental political program is in direct opposition to that of labor and of the expressed purpose of the ALP itself.

Elevation of the Marcantonio-Connolly group to leadership does not, of itself, mean that the unified, broad union-controlled party envisioned by Hillman will have been accomplished. But the Marcantonio-Connolly group is pledged to that program and has fought for it. There is not the slightest reason to doubt that their victory on Primary Day will greatly advance that program.

We won't speculate whether PM, which yesterday repeated its endorsement of the Dubinsky slate, is simply trying to rationalize because it was put on the spot by James Wechsler's phony ALP editorial last Sunday, or whether the editors are really so utterly naive as not to see the deadly implications of that group.

If the first reason is true, the irresponsibility displayed toward such basic political problems as the ALP primary is certainly vicious and harmful. If the second, then PM is on exceedingly dangerous ground. It was just such blindness to the realities of the struggle against fascism that disarmed the liberal democrats of European nations. PM's editors had better do a little research into the history of Social-Democracy.

The Dubinsky-Antonini group must be isolated and eliminated from the labor movement. Its entrenched position in the leadership of the ALP is extremely dangerous to our national welfare.

Spangler Stoops Low

HOWARD SPANGLER, Republican national chairman, has stooped very low in his "hate-Roosevelt" reflections upon the Commander-in-Chief's talk to the nation. What is worse, his remarks are of such a caliber as to leave no doubt that his aim is to excite discontent in the armed forces against the nation's leader in the war.

At this decisive moment, when we are gaining ground in the anti-Axis fight but

National Front in Italy Takes Lead in Winning Peace, Freedom

By Giuseppe Berti

Editor of *L'Unità del Popolo*

News of exceptional importance is

coming from Italy.

The most significant report is

the outbreak of general strikes in

Turin and Milan.

One of the most powerful trade unions in Italy, the Railroad Union (Sindacato Ferrovieri) which has always played an important role in the political life of the country, is now operating under the direction of the National Front Committee, formed by the five-party coalition, consisting of Christian Democrats, Party of Action, Liberals, Socialists and Communists. The National Front is doubtless at the head of the popular movement in Turin and Milan.

STRIKE WAVE

Obviously, the current events in Italy indicate that the general strikes in Milan and Turin must be interpreted as the concrete expression of the demands of the people for the liberation of political prisoners, the ousting of Nazi troops and immediate peace.

There is no doubt, moreover, that the general strikes in Turin and Milan and the cooperation given by the Railroad Union, signify that Northern Italy is not controlled by the Badoglio Government, but by the Italian National Front.

The National Front is not composed exclusively of "left" groups. It includes parties such as the Christian-Democratic Party and the Liberal Party which follow a traditionally moderate and conservative policy but which are at this moment, in complete accord with the Party of Action, the Communist Party, and the Socialist Party. They are united in a common aim: to exert pressure on the Badoglio Government so that the Fascist Party will really be dissolved by truly democratic measure. They wish to prevent the possibility of any attempt by the Fascist Party, aided and abetted by the Hitler regime to regain power.

This is the spirit which motivates the internal policy and the demands made by the five-party Committee. Clearly delineated in all political documents which have recently been made known, is the foreign policy established by this

committee namely breaking the pact with Germany, ridding Italy of all Germans, and immediately making a separate peace with the United Nations.

THOUSANDS JAILED

During the past few weeks, 10,000 patriots, suspected of political activity had been arrested. According to an official communiqué of the Fascist Government, 7,000 of these prisoners were Communists. Tens of thousands of other political prisoners, the flower of the Italian people, had for years filled the Fascist dungeons or had been banished on the islands of Italy. Amid them were such international figures as Pietro Nenni, leader of the Socialist Party and member of the Executive Committee of the Second International, Luigi Michioli, leader of the peasant Catholic Movement, Luigi Longo, (Gallo), inspector in the International Brigades, Giuseppe D. Vittorio (Nicolletti) Communist deputy from Bari, Umberto Terracini, leader of the labor movement in Turin and many others.

Have these tried and true patriots and democrats who enjoy the esteem and admiration of the people because they are the ones who, in the past twenty years have sacrificed their freedom and risked their lives to fight the fascist regime, been freed? Will the Badoglio government accede to the pressure of the people and free them unconditionally?

The attempts of certain people to characterize the popular movement in Italy as an anarchist chaos, must be rejected. The present government in Italy, repelled with ex-fascists, reactionaries, and pro-fascists of every type (all connected with the fascist bureaucracy and exerting no influence whatever on the people) has given rise to the demands of the present mass movement of liberation of the people of Italy.

Among these political forces there are, of course, the Communists—men and women who have been in the foreground in the anti-fascist struggle in Italy. The people know the prominent role which they have played in the struggle, and would never permit them to be excluded

from any popular movement. It is not commonly known in America that among the people imprisoned or exiled in the past twenty years in Italy the great majority were classified by the police authorities as Communists.

COALITION VITAL

The exclusion of the Communists is an idea which can only originate here in America in the minds of people like Luigi Antonini, but it can never take root in Italy, not even among the most reactionary diehards. Every Italian realizes the necessity for a coalition of forces, especially now that the masses are mobilizing to successfully overthrow and eliminate Fascism. No one would dare to believe that the cooperation and concrete aid offered by the Communists is unessential and can be overlooked.

A clear analysis of the events in Italy demonstrates, moreover, that even if anyone fostered this strange idea of excluding the Communists, it would be very difficult to put their plan into effect.

The Communists in Italy are fighting for the establishment of a democratic regime; they have demanded and obtained, it seems, from the provisional government the convocation of general elections to take place four months after the peace has been signed. This has been done in full agreement with the conservative parties—the Christian Democrats and the Liberals. In the Italian political life, with the natural evolution of Fascism, the Christian-Democrats and the Liberals are at present the most extreme right-wing parties.

This is the situation at present. If it is true that Hitler's troops are preparing to invade Italy, there is no doubt that the Italian National Front, from Catholics to Communists, will form one great solid force together with all the other national forces in the country. Aided by the Italian Army, they will take a firm stand against the Nazi troops and will not allow them to continue ravaging the Italian soil.

All political elements will continue to be united in one powerful movement, just as they are united today in their demands for ousting the Nazis from Italy and for peace with the Allied Nations.

Second Anniversary Of Soviet-Czech Pact

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, July 30.—The second anniversary of the Soviet-Czechoslovak pact, observed recently, was of special significance here in view of the presence of a Czechoslovak army unit fighting under the Czechoslovak flag on the Soviet front.

The friendship between the Soviet Union and the Czechoslovak Republic found its new and striking expression in this document signed soon after the treacherous attack of Hitler Germany on the Soviet Union," says *Izvestia*, editorially.

The seizure of Czechoslovakia by the Hitler hordes was largely facilitated by the "appeasement policy" pursued at that time by the western powers which culminated in the Munich deal. The Soviet Union, resolute and consistent champion of peace and friendship between peoples, immediately took a sharply negative position with regard to Munich.

Already at that moment when the Munich agreement was in preparation, the Soviet Government expressed its readiness to fulfill all the obligations undertaken within the framework of the Soviet-Czechoslovak Pact on mutual assistance, and categorically and sharply condemned the policy of the German Reich which seized Czechia and Slovakia.

Already at that time the Czechoslovak people appreciated the friendly attitude of the Soviet Union.

The German fascist imperialists seized Czechoslovakia and transformed it into their colony. They are depleting and ruining Czechoslovakia, destroying its cultural treasures and brutally exterminating the Czech intelligentsia to force the Czechoslovak people to submit to the yoke of Hitler tyranny.

But Hitler did not succeed in bringing the Czechoslovak people to their knees. Tens of thousands of Czechs have been murdered by the fascist executioners; hundreds of thousands of others have been interned in concentration camps.

But despite this bloody terror the resistance of the Czech people has not weakened. To undermine the production of armaments for the Germans the Czech workers are widely practicing sabotage. As a result many war factories in Czechoslovakia are systematically not fulfilling the orders of the German authorities. The Czech peasants sabotage grain deliveries and the orders of the German occupation authorities.

In the struggle against the Germans, the Czechoslovak people have obtained powerful backing from the peoples of the USSR. The agreement of July 18, 1941 obligated the governments of the USSR and Czechoslovakia to render each other mutual aid and support in the present war against Hitler Germany.

This basic principle of the pact has consistently been put into practice. The obligation for mutual aid was developed in the agreement of 1941, which provides for the formation of national Czechoslovak units on the territory of the USSR under the command of persons appointed to the Czechoslovak Government and operating under the guidance of the High Command of the USSR.

The agreement brought good results. The soldiers and officers of the Czechoslovak unit fighting on the Soviet-German front, 85 soldiers and officers of the Czechoslovak unit in the USSR were awarded Orders and medals of the USSR, while Senior Corporal Jaros was awarded the title Hero of the Soviet Union.

On the basis of the Soviet-Czechoslovak agreement the Soviet Government is providing money, materials and the services necessary for the maintenance of the Czechoslovak Brigade on the territory of the USSR during the war.

The Czechoslovak people know that it is precisely the Red Army of the Soviet Union which delivered hard blows to the Hitler troops and shattered the German war machine, which has brought considerably nearer the defeat of Hitler Germany and the liberation of Czechoslovakia and the other German occupied countries from fascist tyranny.

The understanding by the Czechoslovak of the role of the USSR in the forthcoming liberation of the peoples of Europe from the Hitler yoke found its reflection in the address of President Benes in May, 1943.

The two years that have passed since the signature of the agreement between the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia have still further strengthened the friendly ties binding the peoples of these countries. There is every ground for presuming that in the future course of the joint struggle of the USSR, Great Britain, the United States and all the freedom-loving countries against Hitler Germany and friendly relations between the USSR and Czechoslovakia will become even closer, and that the friendship between both countries will be beneficial also for the post-war period.

5 Years Ago Today In the Daily Worker

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WASHINGTON—Adolf Hitler has awarded Henry Ford the Grand Cross of the German Eagle, the highest decoration Germany can bestow on a foreigner, German authorities here said today. The cross was to be presented to Ford today at his 75th birthday banquet in Detroit by German Consul Karl Kapp of Cleveland.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER writes of his visit to Tom Mooney in San Quentin Penitentiary "I found Tom Mooney in good fighting spirits. He was full of plans for organizing his struggle for liberty. All these hardships have silvered his hair, unduly aged him and wrecked his health, but his militant fighting spirit remains altogether unbroken. It is an inspiration to talk to him."

NEW YORK—William Grant Still, Negro composer, was honored by a jury of World's Fair officials, when his six-minute tone poem was chosen the winner in a contest for the theme song of "Democracy," the city of the future.

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N. J. Farmers Unite on Price Control

TOMS RIVER, N. J., July 30.—Ten large farm organizations in New Jersey, representing a membership of over 2,000 farm families, have organized a Farmers' Coordinating Committee on Price Control, with the purpose of demanding from the Government immediate stabilization of prices on poultry, eggs and feed.

The Farmers' Coordinating Committee, meeting here on July 17th, adopted a five-point program, aiming to destroy black market operations and assure the poultry farmer a fair return on his produce.

The organizations represented cover poultry farmers in central and southern New Jersey, and include large cooperatives and associations in the state. They are: Federated Egg Producers Cooperative Assn. with headquarters in Toms River; Central Jersey Farmers' Cooperative, Hightstown, N. J.; Delaware Valley Farmers' Cooperative; Farmingdale-Lakewood-Preford Farmers' Cooperative, Farmingdale; Ocean County Poultrymen's Cooperative Assn.; Jewish Farmers Assn.

ciation of Central New Jersey; Farmingdale Egg Club; Toms River Community of Jewish Farmers; White Oak Poultrymen's Cooperative Assn., Toms River; and Farmingdale Poultry and Egg Assn.

The Farmers' Coordinating Committee on Price Control originated from a mass meeting of poultry farmers called here early last month to discuss ways of combating black market activities, and rapidly enlarged its membership to cover the major portion of the state. The Coordinating Committee went on record as opposed to any action which would result in black markets, rising prices leading to inflation, and a policy of "business as usual." The example of England and Canada were quoted, as allied countries where government subsidies were used to assure stabilization, particularly when price-rolls-backs were put into effect.

The Coordinating Committee has issued an invitation to all farm groups to affiliate themselves with this program.

A guarantee that enough feed

is provided to assure increased production of eggs and poultry for civilian and war needs.

Organized, all-out fight on black market activities in poultry and eggs.

Price control on all poultry feeds.

The Farmers' Coordinating Committee has elected a group of delegates representing the farmers of the state, who will go to Washington within the week to press the demands of the poultry farmers. The Coordinating Committee went on record as opposed to any action which would result in black markets, rising prices leading to inflation, and a policy of "business as usual." The example of England and Canada were quoted, as allied countries where government subsidies were used to assure stabilization, particularly when price-rolls-backs were put into effect.

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